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I already took time to do the survey...tear it down

It was never originally build for public use.....why pass the liabilty to another agency. I live in Kaneohe, luckily Not by the Stairs. I have hiked in the past but have had no desire to have done the hike when it was legal nor ever. I bet a small minority of Local residents would use it or want it restored.

Re. C and C of Honolulu: Mayor Caldwell has talked about a CC/Private agreement or something like.. Yet his term will be ending soon. Also, the City in no way has \$\$! .. cant even keep in good condition what they are responsible (ex Koko Head Stairs, bathrooms at many Parks.) Mayor has talked about a private entity to run it, BUT how would that work???? Also, there is controversy about the City's Sherwood Project.

The only possibility I think that might be workable would be tranferring it to Kualoa Ranch and letting them take full responsibilty, costs including liability.

submitted by: Pamela Morinaga/Kaneohe resident for 50 years.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

We as taxpayers are sick and tired of violators who disregard the unlawful entry onto a property that clearly has signs of "No Trespassing." These individuals clearly put our rescue responders in jeopardy when they need help and we end up paying for it. They come here and teach us English, but their the very ones that don't understand English. They know this is not a sanctioned trail but still defy the reasons why this area is closed. The liability and costs involved has to stop and I hope the board unanimously decides to have the stairs removed permanently!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I am against the development of a new, legal trailhead access for the Haiku Stairs hike being constructed near/in our neighborhood. As a member of the community the movement of Haiku Stairs would impact, we are a private neighborhood, with privately owned streets, and should the trailhead be opened in close proximity to our community, we will not be able to control hikers coming in and out of our residences. This would also cause an increase in traffic and illegal parking in our community, making parking difficult for those living in the community. Currently, we already have hikers illegally parking in our neighborhood to illegally access the trailhead, and should the trailhead become legal this will only increase and intensify. Moving and creating a legal trail access point for Haiku Stairs is not a solution to neighborhood complaints that are currently occurring, it only redistributes the problem to another community. While it would appease one community and demographic, it would place an unneeded burden on another community. Since Kualoa Ranch is open to moving the stairs to their property, this seems like a logical solution that would appease both the broader community in Hawaii and the neighborhood communities living in the windward area. Kualoa Ranch would also be able to maintain

the trailhead and hiking points and manage traffic and parking. Please protect the local communities and those that live in the communities where an increase of traffic and populations due to tourist attractions, like Haiku Stairs, would impact. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

This is a NO brainer. Close the stairs. Every time someone gets injured or stuck up there the fire department has to send rescuers to assist putting their lives in danger. I don't understand why it's taking so long for a decision to be made to close the stairs.

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**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I am one of the fortunate few who hiked this trail back when access was controlled by the Coast Guard, and was totally legal. It was a grueling task, but well worth the effort. The views to both sides of the Koolaus were spectacular, from Kaneohe Bay to Pearl Harbor. While this recreation is beyond my physical capabilities now, I believe that it would be absolutely tragic to permanently deny this experience to all future generations. I therefore urge you to leave the existing stairs in place and transfer control of this trail to the City Parks Department, as requested by Mayor Caldwell.

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Aloha,

Please remove Haiku stairs, because of the environmental and social costs. It is our responsibility to protect our keiki and to preserve our natural resources in perpetuity from the destructive forces of selfish human beings. I am a parent of young children, who attend Ke Kula 'o Samuel Manaiakalani Kamakau, so when school was in session I would regularly see hikers and riff raffs near my childrens' school. I implore you for the safety of our keiki, remove the stairs to deter strangers from entering our school and neighborhood community. In addition, it is imperative to preserve our natural resources for our future. Keeping the Haiku stairs open for recreational use is inane. It is costly for authorities to protect us from hikers, who only take and have no aloha for us and our natural environment. It is also a risk for HFD to go in and save these thrill-seekers from endangering themselves when they get stuck or hurt.

Removing Haiku stairs is the responsible, ethical, and appropriate action to protect and respect our environment and community members.

Mahalo for your kind attention,  
Kuuleilani Reyes

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**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I support the removal of Haiku Stairs because many hikers access the Stairs illegally and improperly. They have demonstrated extreme disregard for property owners near the access.

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I recommend taking them down, I live in Keapuka neighborhood

Chelsea

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**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Aloha! I am a resident of Kaneohe and live near the base of the stairs. I understand the concerns of the neighborhood, safety issues, tourists who aren't respectful, etc. However, I believe it will not be an effective use of tax money or manpower to safely remove the stairs. If it is possible, I believe purchasing a small plot of land to use as a parking lot then selling permits to hike the Haiku Stairs (with a limit of hikers per day) and making every hiker sign a waiver/release of liability form would be better. The income gained from the permits would cover the cost of the security/parking guard (which is currently being paid for anyway) as well as maintenance of the Stairs. People would be able to purchase hiking permits online in advance similar to the way permits are purchased for the Kalalau trail. No commercial permits or tours would be allowed; I believe the hike should be limited to private individuals and local residents to help preserve the ecology of the area.

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To: Honolulu Board Of Water Supply  
From: Jesse Masagatani  
Subject: destruction and Removal of the Haiku Stairs

I'm writing to the Board to voice my opinion regarding the destruction and removal of the Haiku Stairs Aka the Stairway to Heaven. I'm an original owner of my home in the Hoku'lele subdivision, that sits below the stairs.

It's been long past the time for the immediate destruction and removal of the entire stair structure. On a daily basis or subdivision is overwhelmed with scofflaws who trespass onto our private property to access the stairs. These hikers have no regard for the local community and are nothing but problems.

All avenues to open the stairs have been investigated by numerous agencies with only one real solution. The stairs must be demolished and removed as soon as possible.

I throw my strong support for the immediate destruction and removal of the stairs by the board.

Mahalo  
Jesse K.L. Masagatani

Sent from my iPad



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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Strongly support removal of stairs. Traffic, vandalism, trespassing that the current neighborhood is experiencing will increase exponentially in our neighborhood. As a resident of Castle Hills we already experience traffic from Anchor church, Hina Mauka, courthouse, State hospital and Windward Community College. If a private entity wants take over a hiking trail like that they should relocate to Kualoa Ranch which will be a win win situation.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

Hello y'all, I have been raised in the Kaneohe Keapuka Subdivision. It was always in our interests to hike the Haiku Stairwell at an early age...As youngsters, we accomplished it while the stairs were wooden back in the '70's via the mountain trail from Keapuka. It was indeed a challenge because parts of the stairs were missing and only a rope was in place. However, we chanced it and made it to the top, stopping at the rest area's for water breaks...The house with the Cable Car was still intact and so was the Cable Car and Cables that ran across the valley...We did not try out the Cable Car because it was locked and you had to be crazy to attempt it... The hike is a beautiful hike either ascending or descending....The view from the Radar Communication House at the very top is awesome...You have to see it for yourself to know the value of the view.....Breathtaking..! I hiked the stairs numerous times and last did the hike in 2014 when it was a galvanized metal stairwell...It was much safer with all the stairs and guard rails as opposed to the days of the wooden stairs.... Once again the view is spectacular.... However, over the years, social media has brought on countless numbers of hikers from all over the world to hike and see the view...A lot of these hikers come there and literally leave their rubbish for

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the next person to see...And the cycle goes on and on...The place is trashed and leaves an eyesore. Then there is the hikers that come at all hours of the night including the early morning hours, well before sunrise to trespass near or even through the nearby residents property, thereby setting of the Dog Alarms...The dogs bark loud and savagely at those would be tress-passers, trying to protect the family property....The owners are most likely to awaken from their sleep and investigate the dogs activity, thereby losing sleep...Most residents work for a living and need quiet time and sleep throughout the night so they can function at work the next day.... Some residents went as far as putting "Booby Traps" with nails for use as a deterrent. The deterrent worked and this incident was shown on the new's...Not a good solution for the resident or the hiker who was severely injured.... With this in mind, it's a matter of "when" some unfortunate hiker trespasses through a residents hard earned house and property....only to get bit by the dogs or worse, an angry resident whom has been dealing with this crisis for over 30 years, that he or she may take the law into their own hands. Frustration could be unleashed on the trespasser trying to access or departing the stairway area... Just recently one evening, my neighbor caught 4 hikers trespassing through his yard on Oha Place. He stopped them and gave them an earful. My neighbor is a good man and doesn't deserve hikers trespassing on his turf. How would you like these individuals coming through your property while you are having a nice dinner with your Ohana? I can go on and on, however, I think I have made my point and totally "support" the removal of the stairs so as to bring peace to the residents that are being violated by hikers trespassing on their property.....Thank you. Aloha,David.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

Hello y'all, I have been raised in the Kaneohe Keapuka Subdivision. It was always in our interests to hike the Haiku Stairwell at an early age...As youngsters, we accomplished it while the stairs were wooden back in the '70's via the mountain trail from Keapuka. It was indeed a challenge because parts of the stairs were missing and only a rope was in place. However, we chanced it and made it to the top, stopping at the rest area's for water breaks...The house with the Cable Car was still intact and so was the Cable Car and Cables that ran across the valley...We did not try out the Cable Car because it was locked and you had to be crazy to attempt it... The hike is a beautiful hike either ascending or descending....The view from the Radar Communication House at the very top is awesome...You have to see it for yourself to know the value of the view.....Breathtaking..! I hiked the stairs numerous times and last did the hike in 2014 when it was a galvanized metal stairwell...It was much safer with all the stairs and guard rails as opposed to the days of the wooden stairs.... Once again the view is spectacular.... However, over the years, social media has brought on countless numbers of hikers from all over the world to hike and see the view...A lot of these hikers come there and literally leave their rubbish for

**Insert Written  
Testimony**

the next person to see...And the cycle goes on and on...The place is trashed and leaves an eyesore. Then there is the hikers that come at all hours of the night including the early morning hours, well before sunrise to trespass near or even through the nearby residents property, thereby setting of the Dog Alarms...The dogs bark loud and savagely at those would be tress-passers, trying to protect the family property....The owners are most likely to awaken from their sleep and investigate the dogs activity, thereby losing sleep...Most residents work for a living and need quiet time and sleep throughout the night so they can function at work the next day.... Some residents went as far as putting "Booby Traps" with nails for use as a deterrent. The deterrent worked and this incident was shown on the new's...Not a good solution for the resident or the hiker who was severely injured.... With this in mind, it's a matter of "when" some unfortunate hiker trespasses through a residents hard earned house and property....only to get bit by the dogs or worse, an angry resident whom has been dealing with this crisis for over 30 years, that he or she may take the law into their own hands. Frustration could be unleashed on the trespasser trying to access or departing the stairway area... Just recently one evening, my neighbor caught 4 hikers trespassing through his yard on Oha Place. He stopped them and gave them an earful. My neighbor is a good man and doesn't deserve hikers trespassing on his turf. How would you like these individuals coming through your property while you are having a nice dinner with your Ohana? I can go on and on, however, I think I have made my point and totally "support" the removal of the stairs so as to bring peace to the residents that are being violated by hikers trespassing on their property.....Thank you. Aloha,David.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Remove to alleviate inconvenience to the neighborhood, loud talking early am, take up parking and one neighbor was attacked by a hiker treasspassing.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** As a Castle Hills homeowner and member of the Castle Hills Association, I support the BWS removal of Haiku Stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** As a Castle Hills homeowner and member of the Castle Hills Association, I support the BWS removal of Haiku Stairs. Due to the decades on-going issue of illegal trespassing, the stairs will continue to be a hazard until removed.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Haiku Stairs is a remarkable asset to the people of the state of Hawaii, a way to scale the astonishing cliffs that make the windward side of Oahu so beautiful. Tourists are drawn to the stairway, but it is especially precious to local people. Dismantling this resource is a heartbreaking idea. Please take up the offer from the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu to transfer the stairs to the park system, a positive and logical solution. I have literally waited for years to make the climb legally; don't destroy my chance to do that! Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I support the removal of Haiku Stairs for the safety and concerns of the neighborhoods, schools, and communities. Relocating access to the trail will cause issues at the Castle Hills area as it is already congested with businesses, city park, Windward community college, state hospital, clinics, anchor church and the residences in the area. The area is sacred and doesn't need unnecessary foot traffic to get the pic for the "gram" or something to cross of the bucket list. Mahalo!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Unfortunately, too many people are not responsible enough to follow the rules. Besides all the trespassing, the constant rescues, and tour helicopters have made living in our beautiful valley a nightmare.

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I hope you remove the stairs.

Its so important for this area to be returned to its natural state of flora and fauna.

We do not need a tourist attraction especially one that is dangerous and costs taxpayers to rescue hikers. Also the local residents do not need the headache of people parking and roaming their neighborhoods at all hours

Please remove the stairs

Aloha

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Please remove the stairs. They have outlasted their usefulness. The area should be allowed to return to its natural state, without the stairs. Aloha

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

I am a Castle Hills resident and support the removal of the Haiku Stairs. We have seen the hardship, trespassing, and vandalism of our Haiku Valley neighbors when unwanted and illegal hikers access the stairs through their subdivision. We already experience overflow parking, trash, and violations into our neighborhood parks by Anchor Church, Hina Mauka, and even state workers who take breaks in our neighborhood (leaving trash) on our roads. Tourists are undeterred by signs and liability issues remain. We do not want them accessing stairs through our neighborhood. Best alternative is to remove the stairs to end any trespassing issues. People just don't care and signs and barriers don't help (look at Sacred Falls -- people are still accessing even if road is blocked).

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** BWS statement is correct, we are neither in a position to or have the capability(both money and manpower) to responsibly maintain and monitor the stairs. It has already cost the BWS millions of dollars that could have been used to replace our existing pipes!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

With looming budget cuts, it's fiscally irresponsible to keep Haiku Stairs. How can we ask taxpayers to keep absorbing rescues on this clearly illegal trail. Our first responders to risk their lives rescuing people who are breaking the law. BWS has made it clear that no legal access can be used to access the stair, yet I see people on the steps nearly everyday. These hikers have hundreds of options to hike on legal trails, but feel they're entitled to have an illegal hike because of the publicity that Friends of Haiku Stairs brings is ridiculous. If you go to "<https://www.instagram.com/friendsofhaikustairs/>" you can find dozens of people clearly breaking the law for a photo-op. One person, posted on January 17, 2019, is doing a head stand on the stairs with one-hundred foot cliffs on either side of him! For everyone's safety and responsibility, this has to end. I vote to remove the stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The disruption of the neighborhood and crime from hikers both are directly related. I've had people dump beer cans and soiled clothing on my property. Before the police helped to patrol FSU and night, I had sleepless nights from them banging car doors, and talking loudly and hanging out in the streets at 2 am. At least monthly we hear helicopters rescuing people which is a burden on our tax dollars for an activity that is illegal. My neighbor got beaten up and his wife too when they tried to let people know it was illegal. The only way to enforce it is to remove it. We are a very peaceful and quiet neighborhood and we'd like to keep it that way. Please please.

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## HAIKU STAIRS TESTIMONY

**Date** 4/20/2020 11:48:20 PM

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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I want the removal of the Haiku Stairs. The stairs were never meant to and were not built to support the huge amounts of foot traffic if the stairs were opened up to public use. I used to hike the stairs weekly in the early 1980's and know from experience that the stairs are too narrow. In order for people to heading down to pass, people heading up have to actually duck under or climb over the rail to allow the group headed in the opposite direction to pass. This not only destroys the flora and fauna in the immediate area but, needless to say, is extremely dangerous. Another issue is that hikers will not stick to the stairs but many will venture off the beaten path and subject themselves and rescuers to needles life threatening situations. There will be huge liability issues to contend with in the future if the stairs are opened up to the public. I have experienced the impressive beauty while hiking these stairs but it is not worth the financial cost, the destruction of nature, and the inevitable loss of lives that keeping these stairs would promote. There are so many other beautiful hikes on 'Oahu. Most of my family, friends, and acquaintances grew up and still reside in Kane'ohe and on the windward side and we all want the stairs removed. Aloha and mahalo for your involvement in doing all you can to

remove the stairs and keeping the Ko'olau mountains pristine. Sincerely,  
Philip Low

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